

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)
Tohru NATSUME et al.)
Application No. 10/581,969) Confirmation No. 8384
Filed: June 7, 2006) Group Art Unit: 1656
For: NOVEL INTERACTION BETWEEN PROTEINS,) Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri
AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR DISUSE)
MUSCULAR ATROPHY OR METHOD)
ASSOCIATED WITH DISUSE MUSCULAR)
ATROPHY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NOVEL)
INTERACTION)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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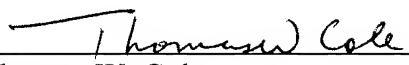
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 23, 2009, Applicant elects the claims of Group 1 and further elects SEQ ID NO: 1 without traverse.

This response is accompanied by a Preliminary Amendment which appropriately amends the claims of Group1, withdraws the unelected claims, and adds new claims 14-20 which define the invention in more generic terms than initially-filed claims 1-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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